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Volunteer Your Time On Saturday, October 2 At BLM's Black River

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public land Americans enjoy all year long. Give back to your public lands!! In Carlsbad, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will coordinate the local, 2004 NPLD work project on Saturday, October 2.

Last year nearly 1000 volunteers built trails, planted trees and removed trash and invasive plants around New Mexico. On Saturday, October 2, meet at Black River, the BLM Carlsbad Field Office's day use area just southwest of town. Special events include a hike with the Ranger/Naturalist and Learning about Leave No Trace camping and hiking. A free lunch, a one day pass to any national park or recreational fee area good for one year and a free cotton tee-shirt (to the first 50 volunteers) await you!

Please call the BLM Carlsbad Field Office at 234-5972 for directions. Volunteer your time either painting, constructing picnic tables or doing trail maintenance. You'll definitely find the satisfaction of knowing you improved your public lands. Go to the NPLD website and visit www.npld.com for more information.

The work day will begin at 8:00 am at Black River Recreation Day Use Area just south of Carlsbad, off of US 62/180.

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